

Valentine Bowling Club Co-Op



Club Newsletter

September 2023



President Rob's Message

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday 27 August 2023. Key issues from the meeting were Colin Taylor being granted Life Membership of the Club for his 18 years service principally as Finance Director. Vicki Fletcher and Geoff Armstrong were jointly awarded Club Person of the year. Vicki for her work as a committed Bowls Coach and assisting in many events and Geoff for all the work he does around the Club in maintenance and also assisting in events. Congratulations to Colin, Vicki and Geoff.

Col Taylor also presented our 2022/23 financial result that were a great improvement on the previous financial year. The Financial results can be reviewed on our Website.

It was also pleasing that our Patron, Yasmin Catley minister for Police and the Hunter and Member for Swansea could make time available in her busy schedule to attend our AGM.

Our next big event for the year will be Melbourne Cup day and a Calcutta in the days before. Planning will shortly commence for these events so mark them down in your diary.

In the Bowls arena District Three Three's competition will commence on 30 August 2023. VBC has nominated the highest number of teams in this competition and I'd like to wish all of the players every success. Go the Lakers.

Rob Gray President.

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Lakers Low-Down

Welcome to **new members** joining Valentine - Steve Budden, Ron Maskell, Peter Salafia and Mark Hooper. We're pleased to have you on board and trust you'll enjoy the friendship and experiences that Bowls can provide.

Wednesday 30th September saw the midweek **Three Threes Competition** commence. 4 out of our 7 sides came away with a win each. Round 2 will see 4 sides playing at home. A great start to the event by all.

Those not playing in the competition are encouraged to avail themselves of the gala on Wednesday morning.

The Zone 2 Triples were played over previous weekends. Congratulations to Ross Levido, Paul Birt and Neville Harges winning through to the Quarter Finals where they were narrowly defeated by a Charlestown side who now find themselves in the Final. A great effort guys.

It's been announced earlier but my personal congratulations and thanks to both Geoff Armstrong

and Vicki Fletcher for the award bestowed on them in being **Club Persons of the Year**. Both Geoff and Vicki have been great support and of huge assistance to me. Well deserved indeed.

Entries are now closed for the **Mattara Carnival**. Our Frank Neat Memorial Triples entry will be Ross Levido, Paul Birt and Neville Harges. We have several other members playing numerous events and wish all players the best of bowling.

The **Men's Major and Veteran Singles** are still in progress with matches being played where possible around the Zone and State events also running over the next 2 months. Veteran Pairs and Major Pairs will see the calendar year out.

Congratulations go to Terry Olsen, Neil Stones, Mat Fedder and Cameron Gibbs who defeated Bruce Boyle, Neville Beeton, Mark King and Geoff Armstrong in the **2023-24 Men's Fours Final** in a thrilling match 22-21. Scores were 21 all before Neil picked up the 1 shot to win.

Lakers Low-Down continued . . .

The final draft of the Tuesday and Thursday evening **MARKEY Tournament** are being made. Look out for the nomination sheet in coming weeks. Numbers will be limited. Dates of play will be early November 2023.

Entries are still available for the:

Valentine Lakers Super 12's Triples played over Monday and Tuesday 23-24/10/2023.

Valentine Lakers Over 70's Triples

played Monday 13/11/2023.

Valentine Lakers Classic Pairs played over Sunday and Monday 19-20/11/2023 is now full with 4 sides as reserve.

Don't forget to follow our Facebook page "Valentine Men's Bowlers"

See you out on the green.

Pete Lynn

Bowls Coordinator

Women's Bowls News

The Club Fours was won by Maggie Johnston, Wendy Morrin, Alina Miklosi and Denise Barnett who defeated Carol McCrohon, Gwynn Garrett, Jenny Baldwin (substitute for Barbara Cornford) and Nancy Childs. This was a wonderful game to watch. Maggie's team defeated Donna Owen, Wendy Lesniak, Noelene Wilson and Fran Ellis in the semi finals, and Carol's team defeated Julie Scott, Chris Mitchell, Glenda Morgan and Jan Minter.

In the Lake Macquarie District Fours Vicki Fletcher, Barbara Bell, Lorraine Davies and Colleen Hodge

reached the semifinals. Congratulations ladies on a fine effort.

Donna Owen, Noelene Wilson and Margaret Bates reached the semifinals of the Lake Macquarie District Triples. This was also a great achievement.

Our Mixed Social Bowls committee organised a Mothers' and Fathers' Day Gala recently. We enjoyed a game of bowls in the sunshine, followed by a delicious BBQ lunch. Many thanks to this wonderful committee who work so hard for our club.

Finance Director's Report

Firstly, thank you to the members who attended the A.G.M.

Secondly, I was very honoured to be granted life membership of the VBC.

Thirdly, as mentioned at the A.G.M. our first quarter profit before depreciation was \$67K, which was above expectations.

However, it appears that August 23

will be a small loss before depreciation, due to lower Poker Machine returns and higher repair and maintenance, especially the courtesy bus.

We remain confident that the results will improve now winter is over.

Colin Taylor

Finance Director

Umpires Info . . .

With The Open Gender 3 x 3's competition starting and with Ladies Pennants about to start, here are a couple of things to remember

Your mobile phones should be put on silent whilst playing however if you have a personal situation where someone may need to contact you, then give your phone to the Controlling Body who can get you if required.

Be aware, when crossing to the head on mass that you remain aware of bowlers on your neighbouring rinks. Try to stick to the centre of your own rink.

Marking the bank to show the location of a jack in the ditch still in play – always use the white marker provided – the coloured markers are used to show where the touching bowl is resting in the ditch, if applicable.

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Valentine Lions Club News

A warm welcome to all bowlers and social members at the VBC. I hope you and your families and loved ones are well.

We had a great night at our dinner meeting with special thanks to Marisa for the presentation of their trip to Boston and their holiday in the USA and Canada. As I mentioned in the last newsletter they attended Lions International Convention held in Boston in July.

They represented Valentine Lions for our club to be named as one of the eight world region winners.

Our community service project was judged to be the best for the Australia, New Zealand and Indonesian region.

I have been asked by several members to detail the story of our winning project, as mentioned previously Valentine Lions are committed to making financial donations, applying for government grants and volunteering to cook hearty breakfasts for the needy three mornings a fortnight.

The government grant so far amount to \$32,000 and our monthly financial support funds dignity packs, school packs, food hampers and Christmas toys.

Our Thursday night raffles contribute to wonderful work. SRU are a volunteer organisation which provide free professional counselling, emergency food relief, hearty breakfasts, womens support group, mens support group, on-site food pantry an op shop and furniture hub.

Valentine Lions extend an invitation to VBC members to join us with the Valentine community for a Remembrance Day ceremony at Allambee Park.

The day falls on a Saturday and we are planning for a meaningful and memorable day it is the 100 year anniversary of Legacy and 50 year anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War and of course 105 years since the end of WW1

I have recently nominated our Lions Club for the NSW and ACT Government Community Achievement Award. The application was based on our service project with SRU I will keep everyone up to date on the progress.

On behalf of all the Lions that attended the dinner meeting I would like to thank chef Colin for a quality set menu, Eleanor for organising everything and Lisa for

Valentine Lions Club News continued...

bring our meals to the function room in fact all the staff associated with the night we appreciate all the hard work.

President.

John Hindle

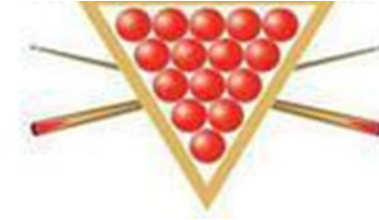
Did You Know ...

- Each purchase of coffee is registered on your membership card and after buying 10 cups your 11th cup will be FREE
- You can put cash onto your membership card and use it like a Debit card at the bar and bistro. This saves time at the bar, and also saves getting a pocket full of coins. And you ensure you get the membership discount on your purchases too!



Our library cupboard which is near our snooker table is available for all our members to enjoy, so please continue to make use of this great facility.

Snooker Club News



The Spring Social Snooker Competition will start at the end of the month. The list is up on the noticeboard for those who want to play, so please have your name down by Wednesday 20th September, 2023. It will be a Singles Competition, and only financial Snooker Club members are eligible to play. If you want to play, but will be away for a lengthy period of time in October/November, you won't be able to play, as we

like to keep the competition moving so it will be completed in a reasonable timeframe.

Just a reminder that the Snooker Club holds its raffle on Wednesday nights, and we now have 14 meat prizes to be won. So come on down and try your luck.

Helen Hickey

Secretary.



Email your buy, sell, swap, recipe, joke or other information for the next Newsletter to:

barbara.bell1@optusnet.com.au

Fishing Club News

Monthly participation over the last 4 outings has been good with a good mix of species being caught.

May Outing Results

Seniors:

1st Chad Ratcliffe – 40 pts

2nd Brian Besoff – 25 pts

3rd Candice Ratcliffe – 22 pts

Juniors:

Zac Mawson – 28 pts.

June Outing Results

Seniors:

1st Brian Besoff – 30 pts

2nd Chad Ratcliffe – 28 pts

3rd Cameron Perks – 26 pts

Juniors:

Liam Dolman – 6 pts

July Outing – no results

August Outing Results

Seniors:

1st Steve Neaves – 31 pts

2nd Dave Kemp – 25 pts

3rd Mark Bradley – 14 pts

Juniors:

1st Jayden Ratcliffe – 16 pts

Sub Junior:

Noah Birt – 15 pts

Mark Bradley

Weekly Activities At Valentine Bowling Club

Monday : Happy Hour 5:00pm til 6:00 pm

Musical Bingo 7pm start—no cost—Prizes to be won

Tuesday : **Ladies Gala 9:30 am Mufti**

Trivia on Tuesday evenings, starting at 6:30 pm. Come and join the fun.

Wednesday : **Men's Gala Mufti 9:30 am start and 1:00 pm start.**

Men's raffle 1pm

Happy Hour 5:00 pm til 6:00 pm.

Texas Holdem Poker. Register at 6:00 pm and games start at 6:30 pm.

Snooker Club Raffle sales from 6:00 pm drawn at 7:00 pm

Courtesy Bus runs 3:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Thursday : **Ladies Gala 9:30 am Mufti**

Texas Holdem Poker. Register at 6:00 pm and games start at 6:30 pm.

Twilight Bowls - Will recommence in October

Valentine Lions Club raffle tickets on sale 5:30 pm. Drawn at 7:00 pm.

Friday : **Men's Gala. Mufti. 9:30 am Men's raffle 1 pm**

Texas Holdem Poker. Register at 6:00 pm and games start at 6:30 pm.

Raffle tickets for our Social Golf and Fishing Clubs on alternate Fridays go on sale from 6:00 pm.

Membership draw is between 6:30 pm and 7:30 pm

Courtesy Bus runs 4:00 pm to 9:30 pm

Saturday : **Men's Gala 1:00 pm start. Uniform Men's raffle 5pm**

Texas Holdem Poker. Register at 6:00 pm and games start at 6:30 pm

Sunday : Meat raffle tickets on sale from 5:00 pm drawn at 6:00 pm

Membership draw is after the raffle

Courtesy Bus runs 3:30 pm to 8:30 pm

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